

SECTION 2. Article IX of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Section 9B to read as follows:

Sec. 9B. The legislature by general or special law may provide for the creation, establishment, maintenance, and operation of hospital districts located wholly in a county with a population of 75,000 or less, according to the most recent federal decennial census, and may authorize the commissioners court to levy a tax on the ad valorem property located in the district for the support and maintenance of the district. A district may not be created or a tax levied unless the creation and tax are approved by a majority of the registered voters who reside in the district. The legislature shall set the maximum tax rate a district may levy. The legislature may provide that the county in which the district is located may issue general obligation bonds for the district and provide other services to the district. The district may provide hospital care, medical care, and other services authorized by the legislature.

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 7, 1989. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment granting to the people the right to decide whether to create and maintain hospital districts to protect the public well-being in a manner independent of the legislature."

Adopted by the Senate on March 30, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Adopted by the House on May 8, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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S.J.R. No. 44

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to eliminate certain time limitations relating to the issuance of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III, Section 50-d(e), of the Texas Constitution is repealed.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 7, 1989. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate certain time limitations relating to the issuance of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds."

Adopted by the Senate on April 3, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Adopted by the House on May 18, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0.

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S.J.R. No. 53

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the guarantee by the permanent school fund of bonds issued by the state to fund local schools.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article VII, Section 5(b), of the Texas Constitution be amended to read as follows:

(b) The legislature by law may provide for using the permanent school fund and the income from the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts or by the state for the purpose of making loans to or purchasing the bonds of school districts for the purpose of acquisition, construction, or improvement of instructional facilities including all furnishings thereto. If any payment is required to be made by the permanent school fund as a result of its guarantee of bonds issued by the state, an